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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Fall antiwar activities are now being publicized. Although somewhat less optimistic on the potential for disruptions, it is still not believed that plans by left-wing activists will approach the dimensions of last spring. Plans for a moratorium on October 13 and for antiwar marches and demonstrations on November 6 are being jointly sponsored by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party controlled National Peace Action Coalition and the Communist Party USA influenced People's Coalition for Peace and Justice. Other activities scheduled during the next several weeks continue to be pressed by the PCPJ only.

An advertisement appeared in last Sunday's New York Times encouraging participation on National Moratorium Day (October 13) and the "mass" marches to be held in sixteen cities on November 6. The cities that have been designated are New York, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa, and Washington. The Times advertisement was signed by over a hundred perennial spokesmen for a variety of pacifists, antiwar, and miscellaneous radical causes. Included in the list of sponsors that ran from Abernathy to Zinn were the traditional troublemakers such as Rennie Davis, Dave Dellinger, Bella Abzug, and the recently martyred Daniel Ellsberg as well as the moderately liberal California Senator John V. Tunney. Senator Tunney's name on such a list is somewhat surprising. Another advertisement was published in mid-September in the Los Angeles Free Press, which called on working people to demonstrate against the war. This full-page ad, which referred to "Nixon's wage freeze" and "Nixon's War," encouraged participation in the October 13 moratorium as well as the November 6 antiwar demonstrations. It was signed by 100 labor leaders, but organizational sponsorship of this advertisement was not given. The fall antiwar offensive has also been publicized in the independent radical paper the Guardian. In a recent advertisement, sponsored singly by the PCPJ, the call was not only for participation in the joint sponsorship dates but also prison demonstrations planned for October second and "non-violent" direct action in Washington, D. C. scheduled for the week October 25-29. The PCPJ

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appeal as has traditionally been the case, is more oriented toward a variety of causes rather than keying all of society's ills to the Vietnamese War. The PCPJ ad referred to the neglect of American urban centers and repression through the abuse of grand juries and governmental agencies as well as problems of poverty, and general political repression and oppression. Since mid-September and the events at Attica, emphasis has also been added to the plight of the American convict, who is usually referred to as a political prisoner. *Guardian 22 Sept 71 New York Times 26 Sept 71*

From publicity for fall demonstrations now appearing, activists have indeed gained additional support from organized labor. It is still not believed, however, that the two major scheduled events will pose a serious threat of disruption. Intelligence sources in the Washington area concur in this appraisal.

As for the troublesome May Day Collective, it would appear that they do not presently have the resources or the organization for a go-it-alone activity of the type which resulted in the numerous arrests during the spring protest season. In general, the emphasis this season manifests a regional flavor by all antiwar organizations. The May Day Collective, which is depleted and disorganized, must join the PCPJ if their impact is to be felt this fall at all.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED EVENTS DURING THE FALL ANTIWAR PROTEST PERIOD

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*30 September--3 October

The Christian Political Union, 1320 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. has scheduled demonstrations to protest the withdrawal of United States support from Southeast Asia on the above dates. The Christian Political Union programs call for a rally in Lafayette Park at 7 p. m. on the thirtieth of September, which will install a 24-hour vigil to be held in front of the White House. On 2 October pro-war demonstrators will gather at Dupont Circle and then visit the South Vietnamese and South Korean Embassies. On 3 October a candlelight procession will be held from Lafayette Park down 17th Street to the Mall and then to the Lincoln Memorial for a final rally. In requesting a permit, spokesmen for the Christian Political Union have estimated 200 persons will participate.

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*1 October, San Diego

Antiwar activists have persisted in their efforts to prevent the sailing of the aircraft carrier Constellation for its sixth deployment to the war zone since 1964. Led by David Harris, convicted draft evader and his wife Joan Baez, a straw ballot referendum was recently conducted in San Diego which drew over 54,000 votes. By a 5:1 margin, those voting expressed the belief that the Constellation should stay in port at San Diego. Reportedly activists have considered a number of tactics to prevent the crew from reaching its ship, and a flotilla of small boats in the harbor to block the aircraft carrier's departure. Violence might well erupt in San Diego this weekend. *N.Y.T. 26 Sept 71 Wash Post 27 Sept 71*

*1 October, Washington, D.C. --- 2 October, Nationwide

Antiwar leaders are planning a prison protest on the above dates. On 1 October a demonstration is scheduled at the Washington, D.C. Parole Board, 101 Indiana Avenue to advance a policy of allowing prisoners at the Lorton Reformatory to run their own prison. On 2 October Washington activists plan a demonstration to be held at the White House in commemoration of those killed at Attica. Civil disobedience is possible. *FILE 452578 27 Sept 71*

Under the sponsorship of the PCPJ as well as a number of independent activists a nationwide series of demonstrations at prisons is planned for 2 October. The principal demonstration is scheduled at the Danbury, Connecticut facility where Father Berrigan is located. Activists will demonstrate urging reform in prison policies both in the United States and in South Vietnam. One of the leading spokesmen for the prison demonstration is Sister Elizabeth McAlister, who is one of the eight persons indicted some months ago by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to kidnap presidential assistant Henry A. Kissinger and to bomb buildings in the Washington area. Participating in a recent news conference with Sister McAlister where protest plans were presented was Harvard biologist Doctor George Wald, Beulah Sanders of the National Welfare Rights Organization, Tom Davidson, a member of the Harrisburg Defense Committee, and others. *N.Y.T. 29 Sept 71*

The prison facilities that have been named as centers of this demonstration are the Federal Correctional Institute at Danbury, Connecticut; Alderson Women's Federal Prison at Alderson, West Virginia; Cuyahoga County Prison at Cleveland; the Federal Youth Correctional facility at Ashland, Kentucky; California State Penitentiary at San Quentin; the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; and the penal facilities at Springfield, Missouri; Terminal Island, California; Sandstone, Minnesota; and Joliet, Illinois. Added to the list will certainly be the New York Correctional facility at Attica. *N.Y.T. 29 Sept 71*

The Attica riots of mid-September will undoubtedly fuel the zeal of demonstrators at prisons throughout the country. The principal theme is the "Plight of Political Prisoners" both in the United States and in Vietnam and the tactic will be to emphasize the twenty-eight demands made by the prisoners of Attica. Activists that have been mentioned in connection with the prison demonstrations aside from the Berrigan group are Shirley Chisholm, William Kunstler, David Dellinger, and many others. Representatives of the National Peace Action Coalition have neither propagandized nor generally endorsed these demonstrations.

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In addition to activities scheduled at various prisons, a Washington, D. C. group (possibly from George Washington University) is planning a demonstration at the South Vietnamese Embassy to protest the imprisonment of political leaders in South Vietnam.

FBI IN 433336 28 Sept 71

*2 October, Washington, D. C.

The Maryland center for United Labor Action will sponsor a demonstration at the White House and at Lafayette Park on the above date. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest the wage freeze. The activity's co-ordinator is Astrid H. Nader, who is also reported to have been active in the Womens Liberation Movement as well as Womens Strike for Peace.

FBI IN 426002 10 Sept 71

*4 October, Washington, D. C.

Two organizations, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam and the Women's Strike for Peace, have scheduled a "lay-in" at the White House on the above dates to protest the war. Scheduled for the day after the South Vietnamese elections the "lay-in" will consist of hundreds of people laying down in front of the White House each day for a week to demonstrate the numbers of people being killed daily in Indochina. Reportedly, demonstration spokesmen expect arrests.

FBI IN 430137 23 Sept 71

*6 October, New York

New York Corrections Commissioner Oswald recently involved in the Attica prisoner revolt is scheduled to receive a humanitarian award at New York's George Washington Hotel on the above date. A demonstration will probably occur at this event.

FBI IN 431067 24 Sept 71

*7-10 October, New York City

Roy Innis, the national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, has announced the organization's annual convention to be held at the New York State Armory at Fifth Avenue and 142d Street in Harlem on the above dates. Several of the speakers scheduled to address the convention

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are New York Representative Shirley Chisholm, Senator Birch Bayh, California Representative Paul N. McCloskey, Jr., and Senator George McGovern. At a recent press conference, Roy Innis hinted that CORE may endorse the candidacy of Shirley Chisholm for President of the United States. Mr. Innis who several weeks ago at a similar press conference embraced a theme of Pan-Africanism did not follow a similar course while announcing detailed plans for the convention. His theme tended to dwell more in the arena of black autonomy advocating what he referred to as "cityhood" where blacks would acquire control of black urban centers such as Chicago's South Side, Watts in Los Angeles, and Harlem in New York.

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*12 October, Oakland, California

Black Panther leader Huey Newton is scheduled for a re-trial on the above date for manslaughter in the death of a police officer in a 1968 Oakland shootout. Newton is presently visiting in the Peoples Republic of China.

*13 October, Denver, Colorado

Another rally sponsored by the Free Angela Davis Committee is scheduled for Denver on the above dates. The demonstration will protest the imprisonment of Miss Davis and to call for her immediate release.

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*13 October, Nationwide

In protest against the war a moratorium on business as usual is planned for this date. Under the joint sponsorship of the NPAC and the PCPJ and with the endorsement of a larger than usual collection of labor leaders, mid-day rallies are planned around the nation. The moratorium intends to stop business as usual and most reports have emphasized that the demonstrations would be legal and non-violent. College and high school students will also be encouraged to "strike" on the thirteenth as well as on the fourteenth of October. The Communist Party USA has strongly endorsed moratorium activities on the thirteenth. The National Welfare Rights Organization has also picked this date to publicize the shortcomings of President Nixon's Family Assistance Program.

FBI IN 404185 25 Aug 71

A spokesman for the War Resisters League (an organization which reportedly largely financed last spring's activities) has circulated a proposal to disrupt government agencies including FBI offices on October thirteenth. This spokesman, one David McReynolds, has allegedly contacted the PCPJ, The American Friends Service Committee, and The Fellowship of Reconciliation to gain support for a plan of disruption. It is not believed that McReynold's plan will gain general acceptance and no disturbances of government agencies is expected on October thirteenth.

FBI IN 334601 22 Sept 71

*14 October, New York

New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller is to be presented with a humanitarian award at the Hilton Hotel on the above date. Demonstrators protesting the governor's handling of the Attica prisoner revolt will probably demonstrate at the hotel.

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*23 October, Washington, D.C.

Right-wing fundamentalist preacher Carl McIntire will demonstrate in Washington on the above date against the admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

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*25-29 October, Washington, D.C.

During this period the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, remnants of the May Day Collective, principally local Washington street people, and The Vietnam Veterans Against the War will attempt to disrupt the city. The VVAW will demonstrate at the annual Veteran's Day parade in the city. They hope to use the event to propagandize their opposition to the war in Indochina. Additionally, an anti-heroin march is planned in Washington on October 25 followed by a noon rally at the Sylvan Theater. It was previously reported that the anti-heroin attack will target a CIA facility but no additional confirmation has been obtained. The original address reported was a non-existent one in Georgetown. Additional details concerning a possible attack on agency facilities will be reported when and if received. It is not believed at this time that a serious threat against any agency facility exists. The rally planned for the Sylvan Theater on this date will probably take place. Demonstration spokesmen claim that they will declare a "People's Armistice Day" and urge acceptance by the United States of the Vietnamese Communist seven-point peace proposal.

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On October 26 antiwar and anti-establishment demonstrators plan to march to the White House and commit "large-scale civil disobedience" by sitting on the sidewalk. A protest of grand jury procedures will be held in front of the Department of Justice and demonstrators will seek a civil magistrate to issue a restraining order against grand juries. Tentative plans have also been made on this date to protest the deaths at Attica.

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On October 27 demonstrations protesting the economy, poverty, and repression will be held at the Department of Health Education and Welfare, at the Commerce Department, and at the Labor Department by women's liberation groups and the National Welfare Rights Organization. These organizations undoubtedly will also count on support by antiwar generalists and the Washington street people community.

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On October 28 demonstrations in support of third world peoples, particularly the East Pakistanis will be held at the Department of State in an effort to shutdown the department by "non-violent civil disobedience."

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On October 29 massive acts of civil disobedience are planned at the White House by all groups participating in this week of activity. It has been reported that the participating groups will begin marching from various parts of the city and converge on the White House in the afternoon.

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*30 October, Washington, D.C.

A press conference has been scheduled on the above date (or possibly the thirty-first of October) to discuss events of the preceding week at Washington. Based on the degree of success and the size of participation, events for the week of 1-5 November will be revealed. That week, 1-5 November, has been declared Peace Action Week by antiwar activists.

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*1 November, San Raphael, California

Judge Richard E. Arnason has postponed the murder-conspiracy trial of Angela Davis to allow her attorneys sufficient time to argue pre-trial motions including a request for a change of venue. Angela Davis continues to receive extensive publicity in the Communist press and has been the rallying point for numerous radical speakers throughout the nation. Miss Davis, a protege of Communist philosopher Herbert Marcuse, is a classic example of what radicals on the left consider a political prisoner. Miss Davis, the rhetoric goes, is being punished not for murder and conspiracy but rather because she is a woman, a Negro, and a Communist.

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*3 November, Nationwide

The National Peace Action Coalition has called for a national student strike on the above date. The Student Mobilization Committee, the mass organization of the Trotskyite family of organizations, is reportedly in charge of the student strike activities but little publicity for such a strike has been noted in recent weeks. It is believed that activists see greater promise in building a substantial moratorium date on October 13 incorporating a student walkout than on this date in November.

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6 November, Nationwide

The jointly-sponsored massive non-violent demonstrations have been scheduled in the sixteen population centers on this date. Although publicity is now being generated, it is not believed that plans for 6 November will be disruptive or particularly spectacular in terms of the number of participants. As the protest season evolves, additional plans for activities on 6 November will appear in Situation Information Reports.

*7 November, Washington, D.C.

The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice has indicated plans to continue the demonstration season with a "soul rally" in Washington on the above date. *Can be 7 July 71*

*8 November, Washington, D.C.

Massive non-violent direct action demonstrations to move the government to "Set the Date" for withdrawal of all armed forces from Indochina and to demand full employment and an end to government repression was scheduled some time ago on the above date. This activity as well as the 7 November "soul rally" have not been publicized in recent weeks, and it is believed that these plans may be abandoned. Apparently, plans for demonstrations by the New York City chapter of the May Day Collective in the New York financial district in early November have been dropped. *FBI IN 430137 23 Sept 71*

*9 November, Los Angeles, California

Irving Sarnoff, co-ordinator of the Peace Action Council of Los Angeles and former member of the Southern California Communist Party USA has announced a demonstration against the President when he is scheduled to attend a campaign dinner at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel on the above date. *FBI IN 430137 23 Sept 71*

*20 November, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco

An organization known as the Women's Abortion Action Coalition has scheduled a "mass" demonstration on November 20 to demand repeal of all anti-abortion and anti-contraception laws. No additional details are known.

29 November, Baltimore

The above date has been set for the re-trial of attorney Arthur Turco, Jr., alleged accessory in the murder of a Baltimore Black Panther. *N.Y.T 12 Sept 71*

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